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Gov. Dugaard Presented Honor and Remember Flag

PIERRE, S.D. – In recognition of House Concurrent Resolution 1012, South Dakota Gold Star Mothers and families of South Dakota's fallen heroes presented Gov. Dennis Dugaard with an "Honor and Remember" flag for use at state buildings.

House Concurrent Resolution 1012 recognizes the honor and remember flag as the designated symbol of South Dakota's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering all members of the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives while serving, or as a result of service, and their families.

"Families have always served in time of peace and war, standing solid behind the service members," said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "This special group of Gold Star members is living this service everyday of their entire lives. They and the fallen will not be forgotten!"

The honor and remember flag's red background represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. The white field and border recognizes the purity of that sacrifice. The blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I. The gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of life given. And the flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed

"It is fitting and proper to honor the many Americans who lost their lives while in service to our great nation," said Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG. "This flag serves as a constant reminder of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to America."

With the adoption of HCR 1012, the honor and remember flag is designated as South Dakota's emblem of service and sacrifice by the men and women of the armed forces who have died while serving.





(Left to right of the Governor) – Kevin Spiers, Survivor Outreach Services Program Coordinator; Rex and Margie Roling (fallen hero SSG Robb Roling); Blondie Wagner (fallen hero SSG Gregory Wagner); Senator Chuck Welke (fallen hero LCPL Joseph Welke); Brad Stecklenberg (fallen hero SSG Jeremy Vrooman); Deb and Howard Pearl (fallen hero SPC Daniel Bartels); Christine Bestgen (fallen hero SPC Dennis Jensen); Gloria Doohen, Senator Jean Hunhoff, Representative Bernie Hunhoff and SDDVA Secretary Larry Zimmerman.



(Left to right) – Margie Roling, Blondie Wagner, Rex Roling, Gov. Dugaard, Senator Chuck Welke, Brad Stecklenberg, Deb and Howard Pearl and Christine Bestgen.